

## Epiphany Season Worship 2021

### Assembling

Prelude

Welcome

Highs and Lows

### Gathering Song

*"O Day of Rest and Gladness"*

ELW 521 Verses 1-3

- 1 O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm for care and sadness,  
most beautiful, most bright: on you the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,  
sing, "Holy, holy, holy," to the great God triune.*
  
- 3 Today on weary nations the heav'nly manna falls; to holy convocations the silver trumpet calls,  
where gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams  
and living water flowing with soul-refreshing streams.*

### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, The love of God, And the communion of the Holy Spirit  
Be with you all. **And also with you.**

### Confession

God who searches us and knows us,  
**you have shown us what is good,  
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.**  
**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin-  
our own sins and the broken systems that blind and bind us.**  
**We distrust those who are not like us.**  
**We have chosen revenge over mercy.**  
**We exploit the earth and its resources,  
failing to consider generations to come.**  
**Forgive us, gracious God,  
for all we have done and left undone.**  
**Open our eyes and our hearts,  
to reveal your love and mercy and guidance.**  
**Amen.**

### Forgiveness

Beloved of God,  
you have not received the spirit of the world,  
but the Spirit that is from God,  
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.  
Receive the promise of baptism:  
You are God's child; ✝ your sins are forgiven.

In the wake of God's forgiveness,  
we are called to be the beloved community  
living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**Thanks be to God!**

- 1 *Arise, your light has come!  
The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.*
- 2 *Arise, your light has come!  
Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.*
- 3 *Arise, your light has come!  
All you in sorrow born, bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.*
- 4 *Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.*

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### Proclaiming

Scripture and Sermon (will change each week of Epiphany)

Hymn of the Day (will change each week of Epiphany)

### Professing

#### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Prayers

#### Offering/Announcements

Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support of our congregation's ministry! You have enabled Our Savior's to continue sharing Christ's love and growing in our faith, connecting our faith with our lives. You are invited to continue living into the faith-practice of giving to the ministry that God has called us to. You may give online through our website, by participating in the automated Simply Giving program, or by mailing your gift to the church office. Again, thank you for your continued generosity and for the love of Christ that you share with the world!

#### Offering Prayer

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms outstretched. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen.

## Communing

### Setting the Table

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

We now get ready to share the Lord's Supper, the body and blood of Jesus that he gives to us in the bread and wine. But before we can share this meal, we need to set the table!

So make a sacred space and gather up your elements of bread, wine, and grape juice, as we sing:

***Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.  
In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.***

### Story of the Last Supper

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,  
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### Praying Before the Meal

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### The Meal

You are now invited to share this meal: "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you."

#### ***"What Feast of Love"***

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- 1 What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?  
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?  
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!**
- 2 What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!**
- 3 What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!**

## Blessing and Prayer

May the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.  
**Amen.**

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may testify to your goodness, sharing the hope that is ours in Christ Jesus and serving others in your name. Amen.

## Sending

### Remembrance of Baptism

As we come to the end of our worship service today, we remember that Jesus gathers us in worship in order to send us out into the world to share God's love. We are sent out as baptized children of God, and to help us remember this, I invite you to dip a finger in some water (if you have some nearby), and mark yourself or someone else on the forehead with a cross, saying, "Remember; you are God's child and God loves you!"

### Benediction

May God the creator open your eyes to the needs of your neighbors;  
Jesus the beloved provoke you to unexpected acts of love;  
And the Holy Spirit the comforter ✝ keep you firmly on the way of justice and peace. **Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

#### *"O Day Full of Grace"*

ELW 627 Verses 1, 2, & alternate 3

- 1** *O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon,  
bring light from our God that we may be abundant in joy this season.  
God, shine for us now in this dark place; your name on our hearts emblazon.*
  
- 2** *O day full of grace, O blessed time, our Lord on the earth arriving;  
then came to the world that light sublime, great joy for us all retrieving;  
for Jesus all mortals did embrace, all shame and despair removing.*
  
- 3** *For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the cross was hanging;  
and then he arose and moved the stone, that we, unto him belonging,  
might join with angelic hosts to raise our voices in endless singing.*

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### Sharing Peace and Sending

The peace of Christ is with you always!  
**And also with you!**

May you be the light of Christ to someone this week.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude